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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS

Claims 1-17 (Previously canceled).

Claim 18. (Three times amended) A composite article for use as a wound dressing, said article comprising:

a first layer having a first surface; and

a second layer having a second surface;

wherein said first surface and said second surface each have disparate properties for wound healing,

wherein said at least one second layer comprises a foam layer.

said dressing first surface and second surface comprising two different wound-contacting surfaces so as to provide disparate wound healing characteristics depending on which of the first surface and second surface of the dressing is placed in contact with the wound.

Claim 19. (Three times amended) A composite article for use as a wound dressing, said article comprising:

at least one first layer of material; and

at least one second layer of material bonded with said first layer of material;

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wherein said at least one first layer of material forms a first surface of said article;

wherein said at least one second layer of material forms a second surface of said article; and

wherein said first surface and said second surface each have disparate properties for wound healing,

wherein said at least one second layer comprises a foam layer,

said dressing first surface and second surface comprising two different wound-contacting surfaces so as to provide disparate wound healing characteristics depending on which of the first surface and second surface of the dressing is placed in contact with the wound.

Claim 20 (Original) The composite article of claim 19, further comprising a bonding agent for bonding said at least one first layer of material to said at least one second layer of material.

Claim 21 (Original) The composite article of claim 20, wherein said bonding agent comprises a silicone compound.

Claim 22 (Original) The composite article of claim 19, wherein said at least one first layer comprises at least one membrane layer.

Claim 23 (Original) The composite article of claim 19, wherein said at least one first layer comprises a silicone-containing compound.

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Claim 24. (Canceled)

Claim 25. (Currently amended) The composite article of claim 19 [24], wherein said foam layer comprises polyurethane.

Claim 26. (Original) The composite article of claim 23, wherein said silicone-containing compound comprises an interpenetrating polymer network of polytetrafluoroethylene and silicone.

Claim 27. (Canceled)

Claim 28. (Previously canceled).

Claim 29. (Currently amended) The composite article of claim 19 [24], wherein said foam layer comprises polyurethane.

Claim 30. (Original) The composite article of claim 19, further comprising a pigment associated with at least one of said at least one first layer and said at least one second layer for distinguishing at least one of said at least one first layer and said at least one second layer from the other.

Claim 31. (Original) The composite article of claim 19, wherein said at least one first layer comprises a substantially transparent material, and wherein said at least one second layer comprises a substantially opaque material, said composite article further comprising a pigment for imparting a discernable color to said at least one first layer of material.

Claim 32. (Original) The composite article of claim 20, further comprising a

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pigment; wherein said bonding agent comprises a silicone-containing compound, and wherein said pigment is added to said silicone containing compound.

Claim 33. (Original) The composite article of claim 19, wherein said at least one first layer comprises a polymer film with fenestrations therein.